

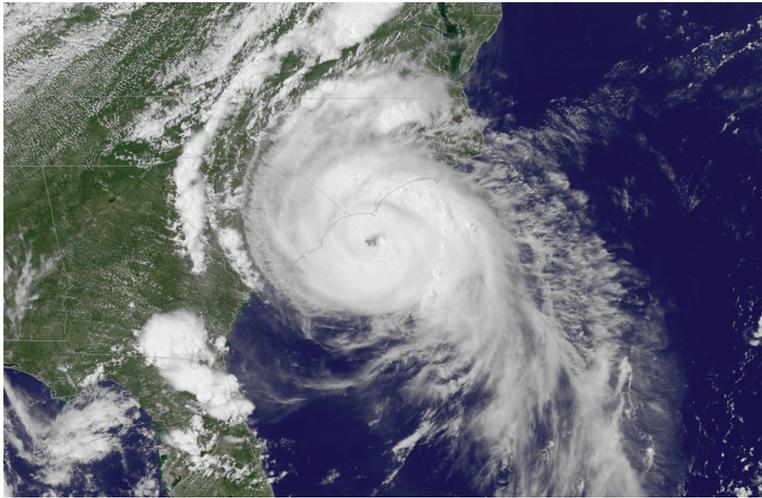


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This satellite image from NOAA shows Hurricane Arthur as it brushes the east coast.

Ready York County Virginia: Emergency Preparedness Site Provides Disaster Readiness Info

Hurricane Arthur made U.S. landfall over the outer banks of North Carolina on July 4, which was a big reminder that hurricane season began June 1. This early landfall should serve to remind us that we must prepare early to be ready for this season's storms and any emergency event/disaster.

To help York County citizens be better prepared and to provide a single location that allows for the sharing of information related to the preparation for and/or recovery from a large scale emergency and/or disaster, the York County Department of Fire and Life Safety Office of Emergency Management developed the Ready York County Virginia

website - www.readyyorkcountyvirginia.com. This initiative corresponds with the Commonwealth's Ready Virginia and the national www.ready.gov preparedness campaigns. Visitors to the Ready York County Virginia website will find links on this page to learn about the potential emergencies that can occur and the appropriate ways to respond to and/or recover from them. When you know what to do, you can plan with your household and prepare in advance to be ready.

For the most up-to-date information about weather conditions and York County preparations, residents are reminded to turn to local media stations and monitor hurricane and/or other weather related events. In addition to Ready York County Virginia, York County officials will use the following means of communicating with the public:

-- Cox Channel 46/Verizon Channel 38

-- Facebook page at www.facebook.com/yorkcountyva

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Board of Supervisors Actions

May 6, 2014

•Approved tax rates for 2014. The following rates were set for 2014 (per \$100 of assessed valuation): Real Estate - \$0.7515; Tangible Personal Property - \$4.00; Tangible Personal Property – disabled veteran - \$1.00; Machinery and Tools - \$4.00; Manufactured Homes - \$0.7515; Boats weighing five tons or more - \$1.00.

May 20, 2014

•Approved with revisions a Special Use Permit authorizing the establishment of a Senior Housing-Assisted Living Facility on two parcels of land located at 3500 Victory Boulevard and 543 Hampton Highway.

•Amended Chapter 19 of the York County Code - Solid Waste, Garbage and Weeds - to incorporate a rate reduction and a "recycling only" subscription option. The monthly solid waste user fee was lowered from \$18.50 to \$17.50 and the "recycling only" option is offered at a rate of \$2.00 per month.

June 3, 2014

•Abandoned a section of Route 622 on the north side of Denbigh Boulevard which has been unused since being closed to traffic as a result of the construction of Denbigh Boulevard in 1978.

June 17, 2014

•Amended the York County Comprehensive Plan by modifying the description of the Conservation land use designation; amended various sections of the York County Zoning Ordinance to create a new district - R33-Low Density Single-Family Residential district; and reclassified from RC-Resource Conservation to R33-Low Density Single-Family Residential the properties known generally and collectively as the York Point neighborhood.

•Sponsored an application to amend Section 24.1-407 of the York County Zoning Ordinance to modify the requirements pertaining to accessory apartments to increase the by-right opportunities for their establishment in the RC, RR, R33, R20, and R13 residential zoning districts.

July 15, 2014

•Approved a resolution to take certain permanent utility easements in connection with the Hornsbyville Sewer Project.

August 5, 2014

•Established a County Civic and Cultural Grants Program with established guidelines and criteria through which eligible civic and cultural organizations may apply for county funding, and established the York County Civic and Cultural Grants Advisory Committee to administer the grant program, review the funding requests and advise the Board of Supervisors regarding the allocation of program grant funding.

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Board Appointments

•Colonial Behavioral Health

Alfred Brassel Jr.

•Economic Development Authority

Harvey Weinstein

•Library Board

Heba Elkobaitry

•Peninsula Alcohol Safety Action Program

Alfred Brassel, Jr.

•Senior Center Board

Jean McFarlane

Robert Rodgers

Jerry Thompson

•Wetlands Board

Robert Peterman

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County Administrator..... James O. McReynolds
Public Information Coordinator..... Gail L. Whittaker

Board of Supervisors appoints Youth Commission for 2014-15 school year

At its May 6 meeting, the Board of Supervisors appointed the members of the 2014-15 Youth Commission. The mission of the Youth Commission is to serve as a link between the youth of York County and the Board of Supervisors by serving as a representative commission for the youth voice in the County. In addition, the Commission contributes to the County with community service and encourages youth participation through special programs.

The 2014-15 Youth Commission members are:

Tyler Brown	Minji Doh
Kaela Frazier	Haven Gardner
Kristyn Gatling	Maegan Kranz
Christine Lee	Ashley Letendre
Angel Lin	Kyle Mells
Connor Pittman	Michelle Shin
Alison Stall	Katherine Strike
Alexander Zhou	

Call 811 before you dig!

Planning a home improvement job? Planting a tree? Installing a fence or deck? WAIT! Here's what you need to know first. Whether you are planning to do it yourself or hire a professional, smart digging means calling 811 before each job. Homeowners often make risky assumptions about whether or not they should get their utility lines marked, but every digging job requires a call - even small projects like planting trees and shrubs.

Call 811 at least three business days prior to digging, tell the operator where you're planning to dig, what type of work you will be doing and affected local utilities companies will be notified about your intent to dig. They'll send a locator to mark the approximate location of public underground lines, pipes and cables, so you'll know what's below.

Head Start Accepting Applications

The York County Head Start program is currently accepting applications for eligible 3, 4, and 5 year old children, including those with disabilities, for the 2014-2015 school year. Classrooms are located at Yorktown Elementary, Griffin-Yeates Center, and Bethel Manor Elementary. Application packets may be picked up at the Tabb and Yorktown libraries or printed from www.yorkcounty.gov. For more information, call 890-3888.

Head Start does not discriminate in any of its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status.

Yorktown Market Days

Presented by York County and Riverwalk Landing

2014 SATURDAY MARKETS
8AM - 12PM

Weekly through September 27

Themed Markets for 2014

- *October 11 *Fall Festival*
- *November 8 *Holiday Open House*
- *December 13 *Holiday Market/Toyland Parade*
- *Extended Hours Oct. 11 (8AM-3PM), Nov. & Dec. (9AM-3PM)



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Local Business Report

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BUSINESSES IN THE NEWS

- Simply Unique - Head Jeweler Takes 1st Place at International Competition. Simply Unique is located in Kiln Creek Shopping Center off Route 17.
- Pierce's Pit Bar-B-Que - Named One of "National Geographic's" 10 Best for 2nd year in a row. Pierce's is located on East Rochambeau Drive in upper York County.

FOSTERING ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN HAMPTON ROADS

The Office of Economic Development is pleased to announce three upcoming initiatives aimed at fostering entrepreneurship in York County and Hampton Roads. If you have ever thought of starting a business or if you've ever had a "Million Dollar Idea" that could be commercialized, these opportunities may be for you.

The Entrepreneurial Leadership Academy - This free 10-week program is administered by Thomas Nelson Community College (TNCC) and is based on the Ice House Entrepreneurship Program curriculum. This unique program exposes its participants to entrepreneurial thinking, while immersing them in real-world experiences that will enable them to develop critical thinking, communication, collaboration, effective problem solving, and other entrepreneurial skills.

The academy will meet weekly starting in mid-September at TNCC's Historic Triangle campus in Williamsburg. Topics include: The Power to Choose, Recognizing Opportunities, Ideas into Actions, Pursuit of Knowledge, Creating Wealth, Building Your Brand, Creating Community, and the Power of Persistence. This program is generously supported by York County, James City County and the City of Williamsburg.

Applications are due August 25. Visit www.tncc.edu/workforce to apply today!

START Peninsula 3.0 Startup Weekend - Do you have a business idea, and need funding, assistance or guidance to get it off the ground? Then clear your calendar November 14-16! The entire region is coming together at the Mason School of Business at The College of William and Mary to kick off a full weekend dedicated to starting new businesses and building our regional economy.

Start Peninsula is a 54-hour-long "mosh pit of business," bringing together many people under one roof with one purpose: To identify the best ideas and create new businesses within one weekend, collaborating the efforts of people who have ideas, design talent, programming experience, management know-how, or investment capital.

At Start Peninsula you can get the tools, resources, and talent you need to get your idea off the drawing board and into the marketplace. Participants will have the chance to pitch their best idea and compete to win up to \$5,000 in start-up funding, as well as many other support services donated by sponsors. We're talking FREE prime office space, business planning, marketing, legal assistance, web hosting and more!

Find more information at www.startpeninsula.com and get your pitch ready to take advantage of what could be the chance of a lifetime!

Launch Hampton Roads - This exciting, free entrepreneurship training program is designed to help those considering starting their own business. The program is for unemployed, underemployed, and dislocated workers, students, and military veterans. It is available to those over 18 and who are U.S. citizens and who qualify financially.

Candidates selected for the program will receive 40 hours of classroom instruction on all aspects of business from William and Mary professors at the Mason School of Business. Following completion of the courses, participants will then receive up to six months of one-on-one mentoring to help them realize their dreams of becoming successful business owners.

Visit www.launchhamptonroads.eventbrite.com for more details and to sign up for an upcoming information session.

CONTACT US

If you or anyone you know is interested in establishing, expanding, or relocating a business in York County, or if you have new ideas to improve the county's business environment, please contact us. Don't forget to visit www.YesYorkCounty.com to sign up for our monthly e-newsletter. Visit the new buy local website at www.KeepItInYorkCounty.com for a list of local businesses, events and specials.



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New Online Tool for Student Information

All schools will be transitioning to the Aspen Family Portal as the online service for private student information.

Beginning with the 2014-15 school year, all schools in the York County School Division will be transitioning from Edline to the Aspen Family Portal as the online service for private student information.

The Aspen Family Portal is a secure site that allows teachers, parents and students to communicate. In addition to having access to information already available such as schedules, grades and assignments, the Aspen Family Portal will offer new features for students and families, such as daily attendance.

Additional information, including Aspen Family Portal account activation instructions, will be provided to students and parents at Open Houses and Back-to-School nights. Account activation takes just a few moments; please be sure to activate your account as soon as the instructions are provided to ensure timely communication between home and school. Reference guides and answers to frequently asked questions are also available on the division website, yorkcountyschools.org.

School Meals

2014-15 Prices

	Elementary	Middle/High School	Adult	Reduced Price
Lunch	\$2.45	\$2.55	\$3.20	\$0.40
Breakfast	\$1.35	\$1.45	\$1.85	\$0.30
Milk	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.55	

Students may pay for meal purchases on a daily or weekly (5-day and 4-day weeks only) basis.

Free or reduced price lunches are available (upon application and approval) to students whose family income falls within federally established guidelines. Applications for free and reduced-price meals are distributed to parents at the beginning of the school year. Applications also may be requested at any time from any school.

Back to School Nights

Parents are invited to meet school staff and learn more about their school during Back-to-School Night. A schedule of the dates, grade levels, and times for each school is available online at yorkcountyschools.org.

Parents are advised to confirm the date and time with individual schools in case of last-minute changes.

SCHOOL HOURS

Elementary Schools

8:45 a.m.–3:21 p.m.	BMES, MES, MVES, TES
9 a.m.–3:36 p.m.	CES, DES, GBES, SES, WMES, YES

Middle Schools

8 a.m.–2:45 p.m.	QLMS, TMS
8:05 a.m.–2:50 p.m.	GMS, YMS

High Schools

7:20 a.m.–2:05 p.m.	BHS, GHS, THS, YHS
8:25 a.m.–3:10 p.m.	YRA

YCSD CALENDAR

September 2014

- 1 Labor Day Holiday
- 2 First Day of School

October 2014

- 3 Early Dismissal
- 9 Interim Reports Issued

November 2014

- 4 Election Day, Student Holiday
- 5 Second Quarter Begins
- 11 Veterans' Day, Student Holiday
- 13 Report Cards Issued
- 26 Early Dismissal
- 27-28 Thanksgiving Holiday

STUDENT HOTLINE

(757) 890-1096

BE SOCIAL!

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[t /YCSD](https://twitter.com/YCSD)

[You Tube /yorkcountyschools](https://www.youtube.com/yorkcountyschools)

What's Happening @ Your Library

T.C. Boyle, New York Times bestselling author of 24 books of fiction, will present an author talk, reading and book signing at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 9, at Christopher Newport University's David Student Union. A distinguished professor of English at the University of Southern California, Boyle's works have won numerous awards, appeared in major American magazines, and been translated into more than two dozen languages. His latest book, "T.C. Boyle Stories II," a collection of 58 short stories, was released in October 2013.

Free tickets for the author talk, question-and-answer session and book signing are available beginning Tuesday, September 9, at the sponsoring libraries of the Virginia



T.C. Boyle

Peninsula Literary Consortium, which consists of the public libraries of Newport News, Hampton, Poquoson and York County, and the academic libraries of Christopher Newport University, Hampton University and Thomas Nelson Community College. Tickets will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis and limited to two per

person while supplies last. Open seating at the event, to be held in the Grand Ballroom of the David Student Union, is limited, and attendees are advised to arrive early. Ticket holders will be seated first. Any remaining seats will then be open to the general public.

The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles' **DMV2Go** mobile customer service center is scheduled for Tuesday, September 23, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Yorktown Library. DMV2Go is a full service office on wheels that conducts DMV transactions including applying for or renewing driver's licenses and ID cards, obtaining vehicle titles and license plates, ordering disabled parking placards or plates, obtaining fishing and hunting licenses and more.

The Library has expanded its services with a new OverDrive digital collection website just for kids, <http://yorkcountyva.lib.overdrive.com/kids>. The **Kids eReading**

Room contains a variety of age appropriate eBooks and audiobooks for children in preschool through middle school. The collection includes picture books, beginning readers and chapter books. Children can search for their favorite author or browse by subject or reading level. Digital titles can be read on personal computers and a variety of mobile devices. They are available 24/7 and expire automatically at the end of the loan.

"We are proud to offer the Kids eReading Room," said Kevin Smith, Manager of Library Services. "Parents can feel comfortable knowing that their children are browsing and borrowing digital books that are appropriate for their age, grade and reading level."

Join us this fall for **Tiny Tales, Toddler Tales and Preschool Story Time**. Children ages 6 to 14 months will enjoy Tiny Tales; Toddler Tales is for ages 15 to 30 months; and Preschool Story Time is for children ages 2 1/2 to 5. The first fall story hour session runs from September 8 through October 10. Registration begins on September 2 for Tiny and Toddler Tales. Preschool Story Time registration begins on September 3. The story hour schedule is available in the Youth Services Department and on the library's event calendar and website, www.yorkcounty.gov/library. To register for sessions at the Tabb Library, call 890-5110 or register in person at the Tabb Youth Services desk. Sign up at the Yorktown Youth Services desk or call 890-3236 to register for sessions held at the Yorktown Library.

For more information on library programs, visit our website at www.yorkcounty.gov/library, contact the Tabb Library at 890-5120, or the Yorktown Library at 890-5207, or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/yorkcountypubliclibrary. Visit the Tabb Library at 100 Long Green Boulevard, Yorktown, 23693, or the Yorktown Library at 8500 George Washington Memorial Highway, Yorktown, 23692. Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

If you file a schedule C or C-EZ...

You are considered engaged in business if you file a schedule C or C-EZ with your Federal Income Tax. If Line E on this form is left blank, it is presumed that your business is operating in York County. If you have not obtained a York County Business License, you are likely in

violation of county and state laws.

For more information, call the Commissioner of the Revenue's office at 890-3383 or visit the website located at www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue. The office is located at 120 Alexander Hamilton Boulevard, Yorktown.

Voter Registration Update

November 4 General and Special Elections

On Tuesday, November 4, York County voters will choose a member of the U.S. Senate, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, and vote on an amendment to the Constitution of Virginia. The polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. A sample ballot will be available on the York County Registrar's website at www.yorkcounty.gov/voting.

The deadline to register to vote or to update your address or other registration information is Tuesday, October 14. Qualified residents who will be 18 years of age on or before November 4 may register and vote in the November election.

A partnership between the State Board of Elections and the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles now allows most Virginia residents to apply to register to vote - or update their registration information - online. Residents can take advantage of this service by visiting www.vote.virginia.gov.

Voter registration applications can also be obtained and submitted at the Registrar's Office, Yorktown Library, Tabb Library, and the Griffin-Yeates Center. Applications can also be obtained via the Registrar's website.

If the application is mailed via the U.S. Postal Service, it must be postmarked no later than October 14. If the application is delivered in person or by any method other than the U.S. Postal Service, it must be received by the Registrar's Office by October 14.

Are you Registered to Vote? Do you know where your polling place is?

Through a service provided by the Virginia State Board of Elections, you are now able to check your registration status online. Go to our website at www.yorkcounty.gov/voting and click on "Verify Your Voter Registration Here."

Absentee Voting

You may be able to vote absentee if you are going to be out of town or otherwise unavailable to go to your polling place on November 4. Absentee ballots will be available by

Please see Voting on page 8

The Registrar's Office is located at 224 Ballard Street in historic Yorktown. Mailing address: P.O. Box 451, Yorktown, VA, 23690-0451. Phone - 890-3440; Fax - 890-3449; TDD for hearing impaired - 890-3300; Email - registrar@yorkcounty.gov.

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FRIDAYS 6:30 TO 8:30 PM

- SEPT. 5 GLEN BOSWICK & THE SOUNDS OF SWING ORCHESTRA
- SEPT. 12 SUPER JAZZ BAND FEATURING CONNI MANN
- SEPT. 19 WILLIAMSBURG CLASSIC SWING ORCHESTRA
- SEPT. 26 THE KEVIN MAC EXPERIENCE
- OCT. 3 BOOT ROOSTER

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Event Weather Hotline: 757 890 3520. Dates and times are subject to change.

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September 19.

To obtain an absentee ballot, you must complete an absentee ballot application and return it in person, by mail, by fax, or by scanning and emailing it. You can obtain an application by contacting the Registrar's Office or on our website. In addition, if you visit the Registrar's website at www.yorkcounty.gov/voting, you will see an "Absentee Voting" link on the left side of the page.

The deadline to apply by mail, fax, or email for an absentee ballot is Tuesday, October 28, at 5 p.m. The deadline to apply in person is Saturday, November 1, at 5 p.m. The Registrar's Office will be open on Saturdays, October 25 and November 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

New Photo ID Requirement

Beginning July 1, a photo ID is required for voting in Virginia. Voters must present one of the following acceptable forms of identification when voting in any election:

- Valid Virginia driver's license
- DMV-issued photo ID card
- Valid United States passport
- Valid employee photo ID card
- Other government-issued photo ID
- Valid college or university student photo ID card (issued by an institution of higher education located in Virginia).

If you do not have an acceptable form of ID, please contact the Registrar's Office for a free ID.

Here's the Scoop: Poop Pollutes!

Did you know that pet waste is one of the leading causes of harmful bacteria in our local waterways? In addition to being unsightly, pet waste gets washed into nearby rivers, streams, and bay when it rains and becomes a major source of nitrogen and bacteria pollution. This excess nitrogen and bacteria are responsible for cloudy, green, foul-smelling water; aquatic dead zones; declines in local fish and crab populations; and beach closures. Yuck! The average-sized dog creates a half-pound of poop every day. That's a lot of pollution impacting our watery environment!

Want to do your part and help keep pet waste pollution out of our waterways? Apply for a free pet waste station today while supplies last at askHRgreen.org. Applications are still being accepted for the askHRgreen.org Pet Waste Station Grant Program. Pet waste stations are a great addition to any county neighborhood association, property manager or civic organization willing to install and maintain a pet waste station in their community. Supplies are limited and they're going fast, so help us clean up our local waterways by applying online today! You will be able to pick them up in York County. Staff from Environmental and Development Services will contact you about arrangements after you have completed the form.



Make pet waste disposal easy and convenient for your area.

Apply for a FREE Pet Waste Station



BAG IT. TRASH IT. SCOOP THE POOP.

CERT Program Accepting Applications

The Department of Fire and Life Safety is currently accepting applications for its Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training Program. The next program is planned for September 2014. Information and the proposed schedule of courses will be posted on the department's website at www.yorkcounty.gov/fire. CERT training provides citizens the opportunity to obtain and/or enhance their knowledge, skills, and abilities to help their families and neighborhood take action during emergencies or disasters.

Those interested in participating in York County's

CERT Training Program should be prepared to make a commitment to one night a week (typically Thursday) in the evening from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and two Saturday mornings (for practical exercises and graduation) over approximately two months. Classes often fill quickly, so early registration is encouraged. The course includes presentations, discussions, and practical experiences on the following topics: CERT Organization, Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety/Fire Extinguisher Use, Disaster Medical Care, and more.

Call Fire and Life Safety at 890-3600 for information.

York County Waste Management Center

My Turn on the Truck by Laurie Halperin, Recycling and Beautification Coordinator

Every now and then I find myself working on a truck collecting recyclable material from homes on a curbside recycling route. This was the case for me on Saturday, July 5, as a result of a necessary collection after Independence Day. It was great to see that many who can, *do* recycle in York County! We continue to have a large number of homes participate in the county's curbside recycling program. Along with great news, there were also some not-so-great noteworthy observations - the largest by far being the amount of material that is not accepted in the program - including plastic grocery bags, Styrofoam, and general household trash - but yet was noted in many carts throughout the route. Please remember that these items are **NOT** accepted in the curbside recycling program. But, there is a lot you *can* recycle and we're accepting more plastics than ever! **So, what can you recycle in the curbside program?**

Cardboard and Mixed Paper

Flattened boxes, magazines, junk mail, catalogs, telephone books, office paper, cards, stationary, paper grocery bags, school papers, computer paper, shredded paper in paper bags, single layer cardboard such as cereal and tissue boxes, newspapers and advertising inserts

Plastics

Bottles, jugs, and food containers such as water and drink bottles, shampoo, soap and detergent bottles; wide mouth containers such as butter tubs, yogurt cups, mayonnaise jars; clamshell containers such as salad bar containers, bakery product containers, strawberry containers; microwave food trays, party cups, plastic sandwich meat

containers. Please remove lids and rinse out food residue.

Rigid Plastics

Plastic food storage containers, plastic trays and dishes, stadium cups, laundry baskets, dish drainers, home storage bins, flower pots, buckets, pails, garbage cans, plastic toys and plastic lawn furniture (no item larger than 3'x4').

Metal Cans

Steel and aluminum food and beverage cans. No plastic lined cans (these are usually white on the inside). Please rinse out food residue.

Glass Bottles and Jars

All types and color of glass bottles and jars. Please remove lids and rinse out food residue.

Additional Reminders

- The **Basic Service** option of the curbside solid waste collections program provides one 96-gallon cart for weekly garbage collection and one 96-gallon cart for every other week collection of recycling

materials at a rate of \$17.50 per month.

- Residents who do not subscribe to the county's curbside garbage collection service can subscribe to **Recycling Only** service at a rate of \$2.00 per month.
- **Additional cart size options** are available. Subscribers may choose from 35 gallon, 65 gallon, or 95 gallon (standard York recycling cart) carts for recycling.
- **Special collections** for large items (including large quantities of cardboard broken down and rigid plastic items such as lawn furniture or laundry baskets) can be collected but must be scheduled in advance. (NOTE - large items and cardboard should be no larger than 3'x4'.)

For more information, call the Waste Management Division at 890-3780, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Plastic grocery bags (seen in large quantity above) are not recyclable in the county's curbside program.

York Launches New Emergency Notification System

York County citizens and businesses can now sign up to receive emergency alerts with new state-of-the-art emergency notification technology. The system, GeoCast® Web™, provided by Cassidian Communications, which also supplies York County's E911 equipment, includes a Self-Registration Portal (SRP) so citizens can easily sign up and be notified in the event of an emergency. All citizens are encouraged to register their contact information. Used extensively by law enforcement, Fire/EMS and emergency management operations worldwide, the GeoCast® Web™ emergency notification system will contact residents by home phone, cell phone, or email. Citizens must register via the SRP located at www.yorkalert.com or www.yorkcounty.gov (click on the "York Alert" logo on the homepage).

"We are very pleased to announce to residents we are further enhancing our efforts in keeping them safe," said

Terry Hall, Chief of Emergency Communications in York County. "Having this service along with our E911 system gives us unprecedented communications capabilities during any event that could harm citizens. It can also be used to inform local organizations, such as neighborhood watch groups, to be aware of potentially dangerous situations," said Hall.

The York County Emergency Communications Center will also use Cassidian Communications' The Communicator!® NXT™ solution. This application will enable them to quickly alert and assemble key personnel or first responder teams using every means possible, expediting response and recovery efforts and keeping the community safe.

For more information, email yorkalert@yorkcounty.gov.



Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act

The Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act exempts active duty military personnel from personal property tax in any state other than their legal state of residence. Therefore, vehicles titled in an active duty non-resident military person's name(s) will be exempt as long as each owner annually furnishes a Leave & Earnings Statement for the period of time they reside in York County. All vehicles owned by military individuals who claim Virginia as their legal state of residence are subject to personal property tax, regardless of where the vehicle is physically located. Once military personnel separate from active duty status, or retire and stay in York County, each owner must provide a copy of their Form DD214. Vehicles will be subject to a prorated tax.

Spouses of military service members may be eligible to be tax exempt on personal property in their names or titled jointly with their service member spouse based on certain qualifying conditions provided in the federal "Military Spouses Residency Relief Act."

To apply for this exemption, and for more information, call the Commissioner of the Revenue at 890-3381.

The Commissioner of the Revenue's Office is located at 120 Alexander Hamilton Boulevard, Yorktown. Office hours are 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

York County Parks, Recreation and Tourism (PRT)

For Fall activities and events,
visit our Seasonal Program
Guide ONLINE at:

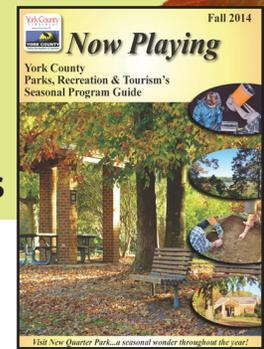
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4-H Patriot Shooting Club Succeeds at National Competition

The precision shooting team of the York County 4-H Patriot Shooting Club had great success at the National Junior Olympic Three-Position Air Rifle Championship and Civilian Marksmanship Program's (CMP) Air Rifle Championships in June. Sarah Osborn (15) was named the USA Shooting National Champion for 2014 and earned a spot on the Junior Olympic Development Shooting Team.

At the CMP competition, Claire Zanti placed 4th overall, Madeline Goodwin placed 3rd, and Sarah Osborn placed 2nd. Claire, Madeline, and Robert Hudson were awarded the Junior Distinguished Badge for Excellence in Three-Position Air Rifle Competitions, and Madeline was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for being the highest scoring senior. The team set four national records for 3x20 matches and had the highest team score ever in the Junior Air Rifle Competition at the CMP Championships.

York County/Poquoson Master Gardeners Annual Plant Sale Saturday, October 4

The York County/Poquoson Extension Master Gardeners will hold a plant sale on Saturday, October 4, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Learning Garden located at 968 Poquoson Avenue, Poquoson (beside the Poquoson Museum). Annuals, perennials, shrubs, and trees will be for sale at the Learning Garden Plant Sale. This event is sponsored by Virginia Cooperative Extension. For more information, call the Extension Office at 890-4940.

4-H Millennium Riders Horse Club headed to State

Two members of the 4-H Millennium Riders Horse Club in York County will be competing at the State 4-H Horse and Pony Show from September 11 through 14. Mikayla Moore will be riding Diamond Air Dandy and will compete in Pleasure Horse Driving, Driving Reinsmanship, Cloverleaf Barrel Race, Stakes Race, and Polebending. Savannah Stilwell will be riding Born with Pride (Boots) and will compete in Trail Pleasure Racking, Racking and Ambling Equitation, and Senior Saddleseat Trotting/Non-Trotting Showmanship.

4-H Junior Camp

York County 4-H took 171 9-13 year olds to 4-H Junior Camp at Jamestown 4-H Center from July 28 through August 1. Thirty-three high school students served as camp counselors during the week and 10 wonderful adult volunteers served as adult chaperones. It was a great week!

New 4-H Agent

In April, Sally Brooks was hired as the new 4-H Agent for York County/Poquoson and James City County. Sally's educational and professional background centers around science and environmental education, but she is excited to develop a broad spectrum of programs throughout the county. Check our website for new clubs and program announcements.

Virginia Cooperative Extension provides educational programs conducted in workplaces, schools, and communities of Virginians. Research based information from Virginia Tech and Virginia State University is used by Extension Agents and their volunteers to teach people innovative ways to solve problems.

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in any of these programs, please call the York Cooperative Extension Office at 890-4940 to discuss accommodations ten days prior to the event.

Mosquito Control Update

The 2014 mosquito season is coming to an end and York County Mosquito Control has been working over the summer to expand and streamline its integrated Pest Management program. Some of the activities staff members have completed to raise awareness and keep mosquito numbers down include door-to-door canvassing, neighborhood sweeps for standing water and breeding grounds, expanded larvicide program, mosquito repellent plant gardening campaign,



Ask us about mosquito repellent plants.

participation in Washington Days lobbying event, expanded trapping and surveillance program, participation in Yorktown Market Days, and update of our website.

Here are some things you can do in the fall to help keep

mosquito numbers down:

- Use chrysanthemums in your yard for small space gardening. These perennial plants are not only beautiful but they contain the natural insect repellent pyrethrum. Pyrethrum repels many insects including mosquitoes, ticks and aphids.
- Prune trees and bushes near your house. Thin out and prune English Ivy if you have it in your yard; this plant species is a favorite resting place for mosquitoes.
- Make sure summer toys and outdoor equipment are properly stored. Any containers/areas of standing water in your yard will breed mosquitoes.
- Take advantage of the cooler weather to remove debris from your yard which can potentially breed mosquitoes, such as old tires.
- Check gutters regularly for obstructions! With fall leaves, gutters can become easily clogged and hold water, creating an ideal habitat for mosquito breeding.
- Continue to check the website - www.yorkcounty.gov/mosquitocontrol - for more updates.

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- Twitter feed on county's website at www.yorkcounty.gov. Twitter members can follow the county on their news feeds. The county's twitter name is @YorkCountyVaGov.
- WXGM 99.1 FM radio.

Along the coast, storm surge is often the greatest threat to life and property from a hurricane. Storm surge is an abnormal rise of water generated by a storm over and above the predicted astronomical tides.

Do you know if you live in an identified hurricane storm surge zone? There are two locations online where you can determine your storm surge zone. The first is the Property Information System property lookup tool, which will help you to not only determine real estate assessments and sales data, but, among other things, it can help you determine your storm surge zone and your flood zone. The second location is the Storm Surge Zone Automated Look-up Tool that can be accessed under the "Citizen's Corner" section on the left side of the Department of Fire and Life Safety website at www.yorkcounty.gov/fire. The Storm Surge Automated Look-up Tool provides residents the ability to search their address and determine if they are located within one of the storm surge zones designated for York County. The storm surge zones listed in the look-up tool are based upon an address point for the parcel of property that is roughly the center of the residential structure and does not include detached buildings such as garages, sheds and workshops.

Here are a few things you can do to prepare for a storm:

- Buy flashlights, extra batteries and a NOAA Weather Radio
- Have a first aid kit
- Secure loose yard items such as lawn furniture, lawn ornaments, trash containers
- Build a disaster supply kit and purchase non-perishable food items and water
- Keep your cell phone charged and use it sparingly
- Gather together important papers in a waterproof container and keep them with you in case you evacuate
- Keep prescription medications filled and consult with your physician for an additional supply before a storm impacts our area
- Keep your vehicle in good working order with the fuel tank topped off.

For a complete list of what you should do in case a storm impacts our area, please visit the Ready York County Virginia website at www.readyyorkcountyvirginia.com.